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USS Gregory DD-802 Far East Cruise 1959 - 1960



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COMDESRON 17

Commodore

Captain Wilson G. Reifenrath



Captain Reifenrath brings to his command of Destroyer Squadron 17 a varied legacy of seagoing and administrative experience.

Commodore Reifenrath was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June, 1935. His taste for salt air was immediately rewarded by eight straight years of sea duty, from his graduation until December of 1943. In this period he served aboard USS New York, USS Farragut, USS J.D. Ford, USS Augusta, as Engineering Officer of USS McDougal, and as Executive Officer of USS Boyle.

Although he briefly regained his land legs as Detail Officer at BuPers, Captain Reifenrath again moved off to sea, this time as Commanding Officer of USS Purdy. There followed tours as Executive Officer of USS Vulcan, Promotions Officer at BuPers, a one year period as a student at the Naval War College, and then as Commander, Escort Squadron 10.

In 1953, Captain Reifenrath returned to the Naval War College as a member of the Staff. His next duty was as Commanding Officer of USS Bexar, prior to joining Commander Seventh Fleet Staff as Planning Officer in October, 1957

Captain Reifenrath relieved Captain Clarence T. Doss as Commander Destroyer Squadron Seventeen in September, 1959.

During World War II, Captain Reifenrath participated in North Atlantic Convoy service, in the North African Invasion, and in the Sicilian Invasion.

COMDESRON 17 Staff



Back Row (L to R): LCDR Martin, Chief Rogne, RMC
Foreground Row (L to R): Bowe, SMC, LCDR Wysocki, LTJG Nagel, Mafnas, SDC
Front Row (L - R): Pullen, YN2, Burbee, RM3, Marbella, TN

Gregory, flagship for the six ships of Destroyer Squadron Seventeen, carries the Squadron staff personnel, who assist the Commodore in matters of administration and supervision.

Ltjg. Nagel, Staff Communications Officer, is charged with monitoring the ships' communications procedures and with dispatching the multitude of information affecting the squadron.

The Staff Operations Officer, Lcdr. Marting, assists the Commodore in planning and directing the ships' movements.

Lcdr. Wysocki, who relieved Lcdr. Douglas as Staff Material Officer upon Mr. Douglas' retirement from the naval service, helps the ships' Engineering Officers to cope with many problems of maintenance and repair.

Signalmen, Radiomen, Yeomen, and Stewards Mates are included in the Staff complement; these men perform many additional duties which a flagship demands.

Commanding Officer

Commander Theodore E. Curtis



Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Cdr. Curtis attended Reed College in the same city, entering the naval service in 1942. He was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve in February, 1944, and transferred to the Regular Navy in 1946.

Cdr. Curtis served on various types of landing craft throughout the Southwest Pacific during World War II. Sea duty during the Korean police action included tours on the USS Forrest Royal (DD-872), and USS Halsey Powell (DD-686), as division office and department head. Prior to reporting aboard the Gregory, he served as Executive Officer of the USS Tingey (DD-538).

Shore duty has included tours as Assistant to the Director of Naval Reserve, Thirteenth Naval District; Instructor at CIC Officer's School; and Assistant U.S. Naval Attache, Lisbon, Portugal. Cdr Curtis is a graduate of the Postgraduate School, U.S. Naval Intelligence.

In April, 1959, Commander Curtis assumed command of the USS Gregory (DD-802). He has stressed smartness, spirit, and pride in the ship, and has been rewarded by having Gregory and her crew gain an enviable "Can Do" reputation in the Fleet.

Commander Curtis has been awarded the Bronze Star medal with combat "V", and two Commendation ribbons both with combat "V".

Executive Officer

LCDR Robert H. Lake



Mr. Lake entered the United States Naval Reserve in the year 1937. He then transferred to active duty in the year 1940 and was stationed aboard the USS King (DD-242), in which he carried out the duties of Signalman. From the King, he attended Midshipman School at Northwestern University from which he was graduated as Ensign, U.S Navy, in the year 1944.

The first ship he was to serve on after receiving his commission was the USS Robinson (DD-562). Next came the USS Sars-Field (DD-837). Mr. Lake then went to a PCE (C) and was Executive Officer, until he received order to take command of his own PCE.

Following this command, he went to Newport, where he was attached to the Staff of Officer Candidate School. From here he was assigned to the USS Philippine Sea (CVA-37). From the Philippine Sea he went to Washington D.C., where he was attached to the Office of Information, Navy Department. From Washington he reported aboard the USS Gregory (DD-802) for duty as Executive Officer, in September, 1958.

Officers

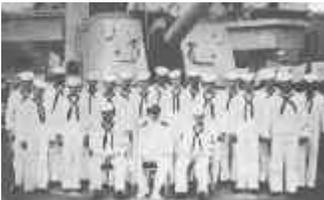


Back Row (L to R): Ens Peterson, Ltjg Wiedeman, Ltjg Hastings, Ltjg Davison, Ens Reynolds, Ltjg Young
Foreground row (L to R): Ens Leavitt, Ltjg Chase, Ltjg Sturms, Ens Dworzak,
Front row (L to R): Lt Weinig, Cdr Curtis, Lt Barbour

Back row (L to R): Lafleur, BTC; Rogne, RMC; West, FTC; Samuelson, MMC; Davis, CSC; Bowe, SMC.
Front Row (L to R): Sweet, MMC; Short, HMC; Ault, EMC; Mafnas, SDC



1st Division



Back Row (L to R): Hamic, Coleman, Richards, Darrow, Bruce, Smiley, Adams Case, Escalona
Foreground row (L to R): Trimmer, Caldwell, Morris, Kucharek, Dewey, Carpenter, Coates
Front Row (L to R): Morreale Mr. Reynolds Black.

2nd Division

Back Row (L to R): Knight, Garcia, Bonnell, Black, Raether, Willard, Griffis.
Foreground Row (L to R): Taylor, Wood, Gupton, Trowell, Lester, McRae, Love, Snow.
Front Row (L to R): Babin, Mr. Barbour, Croslin.



Two essential functions are fulfilled by the men of First and Second Division---Deck Seamanship and Gunnery.

Among the oldest traditions of Navy skills are deck and marlinspike seamanship. In fact, it's very likely that Noah was the first Boatswain's Mate; at any rate we know he invented the Foul Weather Parade. These ancient arts are enlarged in this modern Navy to include such evolutions as underway replenishment and highline transfer, as well as line handling, mooring, anchoring, and upkeep of the ship's topside spaces.

On a tour of the Gregory's main deck, you'll see the Boatswain's Mates and seamen of the First and Second Divisions giving the anchor windlass and fantail brightwork the Tiffany touch, or maneuvering the liberty boat ashore.

First Division keeps the forward part of the ship "squared away", while the after spaces are tended by Second Division

The Gunner's Mates of these two divisions provide the Sunday punch for which our Destroyers became famous in WW II and Korea. Five 5-inch, 38 caliber single gun mounts and three 40 millimeter "tubs" comprise the Gregory's main and secondary armament.

Peacetime defense of our nation requires constant exercise by all hands at our battle duties. The Gunner's Mates of the First and Second Divisions maintain a high standard of readiness for wartime operations.



Insurance Paid Up??



How'd that song go,



Opening Day.....duck season
"Let freedom ring...."



And on the seventh day...



Gregory, arriving



Atomic Age Navy??

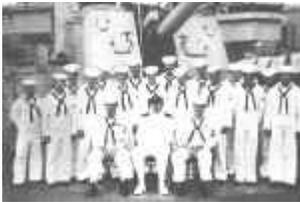


Damn Weeds



Best damn 40mm
man in the Navy!

Fox Division



Back Row (L to R): Trueblood, Siler, Ferranato, Robinson, Hoeffler, Crane, Sannebeck.

Foreground Row (L to R): Salom, Tate, Nickols, Ramsey, Jascoc, Douglas, Young, Graves, Grantham.

Front Row (L to R): McDonald, Mr. Davison, Holland.

A major part of the Gunnery Department is filled by the men of Fox Division.

The Fire Control men maintain and operate the ship's gun director and computer systems which make for accurate firepower. The fire-control radar room and Main Battery Plot are headquarter for Chief West and his FT gang.

The Sonar men are responsible for our anti-submarine capabilities, having as their task the care and feeding of an elaborate and delicate electronic underwater detection system. Their job is doubly vital in this age when the threat of Soviet Russia's submarine fleet is brought so frequently to our attention.

Our offensive ASW potential is made real by the Torpedo men, who tend to the "fish" and the depth charges. These men are ready to use the carefully gathered data from sonar and CIC in the final phase of ASW: the deliver of weapons.

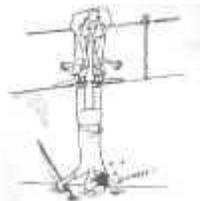


Fidel and his guerrilla group

Lord, help me
find the "B"
end....



....and please,
techniques



..the latest sub-hunting



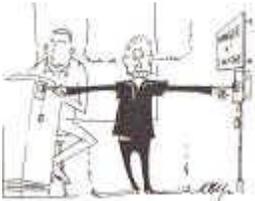
Ever get that cooped up feeling?

Back Row (L to R): Birmingham, Halbrook, Gappa, Sullivan, Dedaviess, Buley, Walls
 Foreground Row (L to R): Nelson, Brown, Wood, Walkosak, Euteneier, Ravetto, Stierlen,
 Makis, Moon. Front Row (L to R): Mr Young, Mr. Weinig, Mr.
 Leavitte

O Division



Rips...Bugs...Blips...Running Rabbits...Strobe...Angel; Alidades...Extra-Tropical-Cyclonic-Disturbances...Azimuth Angels; Oscillators...Amps...Megs...the jargon of Ops Division Radarmen, Quartermasters, and Electronics Technicians baffles the ghosts of Perry and Farragut. In their dark electronic cave, CIC, Brown's Brain Trust strain to detect pesky fishing boats off Kannon Saki. On the bridge, "Lord" Nelson's Binnacle Brigade scans the sky for Aries and Arcturus. Back in the "shack", Moon's Mystics juggle electrons and wrestle Watts. Ops personnel contribute specialized knowledge of radar, electronics equipment, and navigating seamanship to keep Gregory on station and off reefs.



Gregory tree colony
 Hang on a few minutes more,

No course given sir
 breaks me up
 reliefs now.

This Jack Parr really
 Saul...they're waking the

C Division



Back Row (L to R): Teske, Morell, Chatelain, Oliver, Ashford, Mahan, Brewer, Byars.
 Foreground Row (L to R): Venezia, Dunleavy, Kroenig, Smallwood, Clark, Horton, Fabre,
 Olsen
 Front Row (L to R): Holman, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Dworzak, Rieger.

The Radiomen, Signalmen and Yeomen of the Communications Division oil the Gregory's many voices of command. From the requirements of neat correspondence with our adapted Orphan girl, to the tight teamwork of radio and flashing light "talk" during night carrier operations the men of "Com" are relied upon to present a smart appearance to the outside world. Modern naval maneuvering makes severe demands upon the communications abilities of a "Small boy"; our Signalmen and Radiomen meet the challenge with hard work, enthusiasm, and no small amount of ingenuity, Yeoman and Personnelmen are hard pressed by ever-present dead lines, or logs, records, correspondence, and Plans of the Day. "If you're not busy Reiger..."



Standby...Hex...
 I...Cute!!



Quick, Brewer, how d'ya spell
 emergency"...?
 he's going to be a



Prince Valiant and Steed
 meet my son, Flem..



Sam, I want you to

radioman in the
Navy!

Back Row (L to R): Scherer, Scott, _____, Holmes, Holland
 Foreground Row (L to R): Mix, Chaffin, Hensley, Lowery, Tabuena, Surguine, Castillo.
 Front Row (L to R): Johnson, Short, Mr. _____, Owens
Missing Names

S Division



Supply Division provides a multitude of services to our crew and ship. The most talked about, of course, is the "chow", but life on a Destroyer would soon become impossible without the ingenious skills of the laundrymen, barber and the "unsung heroes" of the supply storerooms. Twice a month, the Disbursing Clerks zoom in popularity, and the cooks and bakers have often risen to commendable heights in providing little "extras" in the way of edibles. The business of keeping a Destroyer stocked with the countless spare parts, spuds and eggs, and cans of brightwork polish used daily is one which deserves our awe and admirations. "Where's my frammiss, Lowery?"



money
himself since the

These early Marilyn

talks here...!

...add eye of newt and
Monroe prints'll be

Crumplemayer hasn't

adder's tongue...

Look, Bub,

been

collectors items someday!

hotcakes!

Captain commended his

M Division



Back Row (L to R): Miklos, Lenning, Mathews, Gibson, Davies, Castillo, Thomas, Meeks.
 Foreground Row (L to R): Nickols, Gallegor, Wilder, Pope, Smith, Drewery, Bell, Powell.
 Front Row (L to R): Tweet, Mr. Wiedemann, Hunter.

Down in the true "bowels" of the ship, among a labyrinth of piping and machinery, the men of M Division have set up a thriving business in Forward Motion. A dazzling array of heavy machinery, including H.P. and L.P. turbines, reduction gears, Deaerating Tanks, Evaporators, Condensers, and Air Ejectors, creates a climate akin to the 10th circle of Dante's Inferno; these M Division personnel take it all in stride. In fact, they seem to thrive in their surrounding, and have built up an enviable reputation for hard work and good engineering practices.

The "nuts and bolts" of a destroyer are a constant source of maintenance problems. The men of the Engineering Department have shown a great deal of imagination and ingenuity in carry on their work while short of personnel.



His practical

...and they think they're getting

Say, who's driving

factors were turns for 27 knots!! this bucket?
 getting rusty...

Back Row (L to R): Negley, Smith, Kneeder, Hunter, Imlay, Nagy Zeren, Bergman, Cruikshank.

B Division

Foreground Row (L to R): Smith, Litke, Weston, Lee, McElrath, Storbeck, Schroeder, Mason, Barnhill, Boten.

Front Row (L to R): Mr. Wiedemann, Morgan, Lafleur, Fiveash. Front Row Out of order



Which way's up?



Steam we got, yes?
 in my section!



Man, this coffee mess is a gasser!



I dunno, Chief... he's not

R Division



Back Row (L to R): Fisher, Schilling, Austin, Nungester, Shearon, Ludolph, Dumas, Ray, Solis.

Foreground Row (L to R): Chong, McDonald, Knight, Main, Stewart, Hornsby, Lewis, Kupka.

Front Row (L to R): Jackson, Ault, Mr. Peterson, Carrington.

A "tin can" cutting through the high seas of the Far East typhoon season sustains many "bruises" to the sheet metal fittings topside. The Gregory's Shipfitters, our seagoing shipyard gang, patches welds and fabricates metal fittings, to keep up required standards of safe operations.

R Division Auxiliary men keep up the machinery which pumps oil for fuel and lubrication, feed for the boilers, and, whenever possible, water for the showers.

Also a part of the R Division are such ratings as Engineman, Metalsmith and Machine Repairman, when we are fortunate enough to get these specialists.



...and that's how it works, Got it! Sure?
 this.....Gizmoe??!

Gee, Dad, what's
 Yes, we are collegiante!

Eternal Vigilance...

Shore Patrol



Myhrvold, Bell, Davis

Quarterdeck Watch



Kizer, Crabtree, Mr. Kansteiner, Byrd Rohde.

Ports Of Call

Hawaii...



...Hong Kong



Views Of Hong.....



Japan...



Fuji-San: Symbol Of Gracious Land



...Views Of Japan



On The Bright Side.....



Oops!
People
Wrong
Cruise

Mug Shot

Up For Air

Nick-san

Chaffin Of The Ritz

Ok., Ok., but did you win

People To



..and don't forget to
longest
buy a can of corn prone!

Contemplation

More... More!
Everybody's
binnacle list

Gone Bohemian!
Watching

De gashouse gang

"Doc" Short's



Give the O.O.D. a couple
the American
of fishing boats and wake
him up!

Excuse me... can you direct
Transit Authority
Occupation:
Artist

Hey--wait for me!
Metropolitan

Hong Kong
Tourist

The Sensational...
me to the forward head?

And--



Bum-boat beggars
Fried Rice--Squid



Liberace on TV tonight?



Psst-- Buddy,



Retiring soon on 30

Octopus--

you want a deal?



Wild new Chief's quarters, ne?



Now you can use the car, son!



Smiling sheriff of
Gregory county

**...it is said that the sea affects some marines
in a very strange way...**



Talker--tell CIC I'll
eyeball 'er into Manilla Bay

DOMO ARIGATO GOZAI MASU!!



Well, Mr. Kansteiner, McGee's what are you going to do about it?

Just on my way to talk to Lewis about it

Yes Sir, we're on it already

Who, me?
Closet

Fibber



They make a handsome couple
that's the sun!

Quiet...

No more spaghetti???
ComDesRon 17

Change of Command Ceremony
Staff at work

So



But the *old* Navy was great, wasn't it?



Babin, where are your shoes?
Kansas City



Come in, you're ugly!



Wow but

Happy Hour...



WETTING DOWN PARTY
BACK LOUNGE - 1800
WETTING DOWN PARTY
CDR T E CURTIS
T V ROOM 1800
WINE & FOOD SOCIETY
SUKIYAKI ROOM 1830



Staff gangway--

Have I told you about
my operation?

No, Brown--liberty does not
start at 0900

More, Ushimi-san, more
Departing



More....



Sooe! Sooe!
Deputy
Come and get it
you #!*#!*

Boatswain mate
Corps

Sanitary Engineer
You want the

Blue Moon
left shoe!!!

There goes her
striker

frim-fram sauce



Road Runner
Strange Chaps...

Who said
Drop .00009 turns
"moider da ump"?

So I sez to this here Admiral
for you!"

"Doc" "It's good and good
..these Americans



Ya gonna take Gregory pyscho that back?

Training Manual?

Rapid, Man, Rapid! ward

Really stacked!

Beatniks drinking espresso



Cleanliness is next to.... and so, impossible

Uh, let's see now, last week The end, Dad, the end!! we were about here

Old timey operator

Stop it, Jackson

No, you silly so

you're killing me! I won't advance you \$50.00

Art Show....



Match form



Hudson? Hudson??



Tailor made, Jones?



Gentlemen, watch their center fielder...he's fast. Hit to left. You, Leavitt, better study their shortstop...



That's nothin'--back



Salt

got this here water
tower.....

Thanks to Ron Ludolph for the loan of his 1959-1960 cruise book, without his generous help the publishing of this cruise book on the website would not have been possible.